

AGENDA
CANTON BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2008
GARDEN CENTER BUILDING
4:00 P.M.

Reading of the minutes of the August 13, 2008 regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Park System Rules & Regulations
2. Willig Field Project
3. HUD Waterworks Playground
4. Donations in support of Holiday Light Display
5. Park Brochure Development
6. Bell Tower Rebuild

NEW BUSINESS:

1. American Red Cross requesting the use of Stadium Park on Sunday, June 28, 2009, for their annual "Duck Race" event
2. Received thank you letter from Pro Football Hall of Fame with regard to the 2008 activities
3. Received news release from Ohio Department of Agriculture with regard to the Emerald Ash Borer
4. 2009 Gypsy Moth Cooperative Suppression Program

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

CANTON PARK COMMISSION

BOARD MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2008

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, September 10, 2008, at the Garden Center Building.

Present were: Mr. Andy Black, President; Mr. Lon Winberry, Vice President; and Mr. Douglas V. Perry, Director/Secretary.

Also present were the following guests: Mr. Thomas West, Mr. Robert Torres, Mr. Don Casar, Mr. Joe Carbenia, Ms. Kathy Blako, and Mr. John Stone.

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m.

A motion was then made by A. Black to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2008 regular meeting as written. A second was provided by L. Winberry, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

The Director noted that he thought the majority of the guests were there for Item 3 of Old Business: the HUD Waterworks Playground. President Black asked the group to see that it was so, and decided to go to that item.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. HUD Waterworks Playground - Mr. Black gave a recap about the location that had been chosen. He stated he was aware of the concerns about possible flooding, but there was a playground there for years and most of the parks were along the creek.

Mr. Casar stated he had concerns about vandalism, flooding, the rundown condition of the shelter, and the fact that the basketball courts were nearby the existing play area and the young guys that play basketball would be a problem. He suggested Stadium Park near Shelter #5.

Mr. West stated he thought it should be placed at Nimisilla Park to improve that park. Mr. John Stone also stated he thought Nimisilla Park should be the location.

Mr. Black stated that all the decisions were secondary to getting an extension and permission to change the location.

Mr. Torres stated he did not believe a change in location needed permission, and he was working on an extension, but that it would be the Service Director's call as to how they proceed. There was also the possibility that if a part of the project was put under contract prior to the deadline, an extension would not be needed. The Director stated he would gather some information toward that end and get it to Mr. Torres.

Mr. Black stated the Board would work on a new location and would be willing to work with the Park and Recreation Committee to get things moving. He stated he did, but did not, care where it went, but he did not want to see the City lose the grant.

Mr. Carbenia stated he had a couple of things. Mr. Black gave him the floor. Mr. Carbenia mentioned that the bathroom for Mallonn Park was up for second reading in Council. He noted that Park employees had been top dressing the field and that he was happy overall with the help of both the labor unions and the Park System on the development of the park.

He also stated he understood that a playground had been donated, but that he thought a rubber surface was a waste of money. He said he thought the playground was too small, and he would be looking for money next year for one. He stated he wished the Board would not put the playground now in stock at Mallonn Park.

Mr. Carbenia also questioned the fact that the donation did not go through Council. Mr. Black stated he was unaware this type of donation had to go through Council. The Director was instructed to make some inquiry into the matter.

At this point all the guests left the meeting.

The Director then asked the Board if they wanted to move the donated playground to another location. The Director was instructed to proceed with the installation at Mallonn Park.

1. Park System Rules & Regulations - The Director advised the Board as to the changes recommended by the Law Department.

After the Board reviewed the changes, a motion was then made by A. Black to approve a resolution adopting the Rules and Regulations as proposed.

A second was provided by L. Winberry, and the resolution was then adopted.

Mr. Black noted that should Member Angelo have any concerns, he could raise them at the next meeting.

2. Willig Field Project - The Director informed the Board that the Willig Project was working through a couple of small changes. The last major part was the installation of the drainage basins.
4. Donations in support of Holiday Light Display - Mr. Black reported that work demands have not allowed him the time to work on this issue as yet. The issue will remain tabled.
5. Park Brochure Development - This issue will remain tabled until the spring of 2009.

6. Bell Tower Rebuild - The Director reported to the Board that one of the Garden Center ladies had told him there may be some news about their efforts soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. American Red Cross requesting the use of Stadium Park on Sunday, June 28, 2009, for their annual "Duck Race" event - The Board noted that this request was a yearly request.

A motion was made by A. Black to approve the request with an insurance requirement. A second was provided by L. Winberry, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

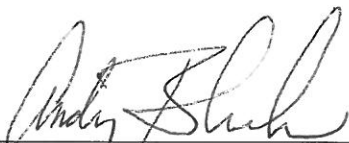
2. Received thank you letter from Pro Football Hall of Fame with regard to the 2008 activities.
3. Received news release from Ohio Department of Agriculture with regard to the Emerald Ash Borer - The Board received and filed these two letters noting with concern the fact that the Emerald Ash Borer was found in Wayne County.
4. 2009 Gypsy Moth Cooperative Suppression Program - The Director reported to the Board that he had talked to the Ohio Department of Agriculture and reapplied for the program covering the same areas as last year. He was told that as of now there was no money in the State budget for the program next year. He also pointed out that the Park System also had no idea if money would be available for our share in next year's budget.

OTHER BUSINESS:


1. Mr. Chris Hoelzle and Mr. Dezmond Jackson requesting on behalf of the American Cancer Society to use Waterworks Park for an event to raise money for the ACS. Mr. Hoelzle told the Director that the ACS would be providing the necessary insurance. The Director explained to him that the Board would need a letter from the ACS requesting to use the park. Mr. Hoelzle was to obtain the letter.

A motion was made by A. Black to approve the request with the official request from the Cancer Society and the proper insurance. A second was provided by L. Winberry, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.



Andy Black
President



Douglas Perry
Director/Secretary